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June 29, 2016

Via Hand Delivery

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 14-58

2016 ETC Annual Report of Riviera Telephone Company, Inc.

Study Area Code 442134

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Riviera Telephone Company, Inc.("Company"), JSI files the attached confidential version of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules. 1 Company seeks confidential treatment under Protective Order for section 54.313(f)(2) financial information. 2 The redacted version is being filed this date via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System. In addition, attached is a letter requesting confidential treatment under Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Company's Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan Progress Report required by Section 54.313. 3

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely.

John Kuykendall JSI Vice President 301-459-7590

301-439-7390

jkuykendall@jsitel.com

¹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

² Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58, Protective Order, DA 16-296 rel. March 22, 2016 (Protective Order). 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2).

³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459, 54.313.



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Study Area Code 442134 Request for Confidentiality

Dear Ms. Dortch:

John Staurulakis, Inc. ("JSI"), on behalf of its client Riviera Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") hereby requests, pursuant to Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules, withholding from public inspection certain information contained in an attachment to the above referenced reporting requirement. The Company provides the following in support of its request, numbered consistent with the subparagraphs of Section 0.459(b).

- 1. The information for which the Company is seeking confidential treatment is an attachment to the Company's annual reporting information pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules ("Report").³
- 2. Pursuant to Section 54.313, Rate-of-Return Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") must file with the Commission a Progress Report on its Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan ("Progress Report") which is contained in the attachment to the 2016 Report.⁴
- 3. The information contained in attachment for which the Company seeks the withholding from public inspection is the entirety of data pertaining to the Company's Progress Report provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment. Information of this nature is confidential commercial information routinely withheld from public inspection.

¹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459.

² 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(b)(1) through (9).

³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313.

- 4. With respect to identifying the degree to which the subject attachment concerns a service that is subject to competition, the information is of a financial and competitive nature regarding the provision of telecommunications services. The Line 112 attachment contains competitively sensitive information related to proposed improvements or upgrades and maintenance the Company's network.
 - In its March 5, 2013 Order, the FCC. The FCC specified that for rate-of-return carriers, the five-year plans "should describe the carrier's network improvement plan, which should provide greater visibility into current plans to extend broadband service to unserved locations in rate-of-return service territories." The Company's Progress Report updates this information as well as provides maps and detailed information as to whether or not network improvement objectives were achieved at the wire center level. Accordingly, because the Company is a rate-of-return carrier, it must file Progress Reports which contain proprietary, competitively sensitive information related to the Company's existing network including the specific locations of customers as well as describe proposed improvements or upgrades and maintenance of its network throughout its service area. Specifically, this information sets forth services provided by the Company over its existing network including specific locations of customers as well as planned network improvement and maintenance for the years 2015 through 2019 including project start and completion dates, population that will be impacted by the improvements and upgrades at the wire center level and projected capital costs associated with the improvements and upgrades and operating costs associated with maintaining the network including depreciation for investments that have already been made. As such, this information contains competitively sensitive information related to the Company's existing network as well as detailed plans at the wire center level for network upgrades and maintenance projected for the years 2015 through 2019.
- 5. With respect to identifying possible exposure to competitive harm, the information contained in the Line 112 attachment is information that is not customarily released to the public. This information is proprietary to the Company, is unique to the Company's serving territory and is only known to the Company and its authorized agents. If the Information is not protected, it would have economic value to potential competitors who would be able to target their marketing to specific customers. In a competitive telecommunications marketplace, this type of information is highly sensitive. If publicly disclosed, it would enable competitors to craft business plans that capitalize on their knowledge of the locations of the Company's customers which would place the Company at a competitive disadvantage.
- 6. With respect to steps the Company has taken to ensure against unauthorized disclosure of the information contained in the attachment, the Company is filing

⁵ See Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket 10-90 et al., Order, DA 13-332 (rel. Mar. 5, 2013) ("March 5, 2013 Order") at para 9 citing Section 54.202(a) (1) (ii).

the attachment under seal. The Company uses the information contained in the Progress Report to ensure that its customers continue to receive state-of-the-art high quality telecommunications and broadband services that the Company has been providing to them for many years as well as to satisfy mandatory reporting requirements and does not share the information for which protection is sought. The Company protects the secrecy of this information with a security protocol that ensures the information is not inadvertently disclosed or disseminated. Only directors, managers and employees with a direct need to know are authorized to access the information.

- 7. Any previous versions of this information are not publicly available.
- 8. Because the information is not routinely available, a need exists for maintaining the confidentiality of this information permanently.
- 9. Not applicable.

Based on the preceding, JSI respectfully requests on behalf of the Company that the Commission grant confidential treatment under Section 0.459 to Company's Progress Report provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall JSI Vice President

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FCC FOI	Data Collection Form	REDACTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
<010>	Study Area Code	442134	
<015>	Study Area Name	RIVIERA TEL CO INC	
<020>	Program Year	2017	
<030>	Contact Name: Person USAC should conta with questions about this data	Bill Colston, Jr.	
<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data lir	3612963232 ext. ne <030>	
<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line	<030> rtc@rivnet.com	
	Form Ty	ype 54.313 and 54.422	

FCC Form 481

(100) Se	ervice Quality Improvement Reporting			FCC Form 481	
Data Co	ollection Form			OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060- July 2013	0819
<010>	Study Area Code	442134			
<015>	Study Area Name	RIVIERA TEL	CO INC		
<020>	Program Year	2017			
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Bill Colsto	on, Jr.		
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	3612963232	ext.		
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rtc@rivnet.	com		
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5	(уе	es/no) O		
<111>	year plan" filed with the FCC?	(ye	es / no) U U		
<112>	If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service. Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.	company is a	442134tx112.pdf		
	Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confit that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.	e-year		Name of Attached Document	
<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets		Yes		
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received		Yes		
<115>	How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve	ove service quali	ty Yes		
<116>	How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to imp	prove service cov	verage Yes		
<117>	How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to imp	rove service cap	acity Yes	=	
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	·	Yes		

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
	July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	442134
<015>	Study Area Name	RIVIERA TEL CO INC
<020>	Program Year	2017
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Bill Colston, Jr.
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	3612963232 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rtc@rivnet.com
<210>	For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service of	utages? No

<220>

>	<a>	<b1></b1>	<b2></b2>	<b3></b3>	<b4></b4>	<c1></c1>	<c2></c2>	<d></d>	<e></e>	<f></f>	<g></g>	<h></h>
	NORS									Did This Outage		
	Reference	Outage Start	Outage Start	Outage End	Outage End	Number of		911 Facilities	Service Outage	Affect Multiple		
	Number	Date	Time	Date		Customers Affected	Total Number of	Affected	Description (Check		Service Outage	Preventative
							Customers	(Yes / No)	all that apply)	(Yes / No)	Resolution	Procedures
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` '	fulfilled Service Request lection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
			July 2013
<010>	Study Area Code	442134	
<015>	Study Area Name	RIVIERA TEL CO INC	
<020>	Program Year	2017	
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Bill Colston, Jr.	
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data	line <030> 3612963232 ext.	
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data	line <030> rtc@rivnet.com	
<300> U	Infulfilled service request (voice)	0	
<310>[Detail on attempts (voice)		
		Name of Attached Document	
<320>	Unfulfilled service request (broadband)	0	
<330>	Detail on attempts (broadband)		
		Name of Attached Document	

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
	July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	442134	
<015>	Study Area Name	RIVIERA TEL CO INC	
<020>	Program Year	2017	
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should conta	ct regarding this data Bill	Colston, Jr.
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of p <030>	erson identified in data line	3612963232 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of p <030>	erson identified in data line	rtc@rivnet.com
<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate had voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice calendar year for each service area in which any facilities you own, operate, lease, or other services.	telephony service in the prion you are designated an ETC f	
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed ve	pice	0.0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile	voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate end-user customer complaints (zero or greathe prior calendar year for each service are an ETC for any facilities you own, operate,	ater) for broadband service in a in which you are designated	Offered only fixed broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed b	roadband	0.0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile	broadband	

•	npliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules ection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
<010>	Study Area Code	442134	
<015>	Study Area Name	RIVIERA TEL CO INC	
<020>	Program Year	2017	
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Bill Colston, Jr.	
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	3612963232 ext.	
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rtc@rivnet.com	
<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer pro-	otection rules Yes	
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Ru	442134tx510.pdf ules Compliance	

(600) F	unctionality in Emergency Situations REI	DACTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION	FCC Form 481
Data Co	ollection Form		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
<010>	Study Area Code	442134	
<015>	Study Area Name	RIVIERA TEL CO INC	
<020>	Program Year	2017	
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Bill Colston, Jr.	
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030	0> 3612963232 ext.	
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <03	0> rtc@rivnet.com	
<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes	
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	442134tx610.pdf	

	ice Offerings including Voice Rate Data Illection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
<010>	Study Area Code	442134	
<015>	Study Area Name	RIVIERA TEL CO INC	
<020>	Program Year	2017	
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Bill Colston, Jr.	
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data I	ine <030> 3612963232 ext.	
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data	line <030> rtc@rivnet.com	
	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date 1/1/2016 Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge 16.11		

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				Residential Local			Mandatory Extended Area	
State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Service Charge	Total per line Rates and
				See at	tached worksheet			
				000 41	1001100			
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(710) Broadbrand Price Offerings	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
	July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code 4	42134
<015>	Study Area Name	RIVIERA TEL CO INC
<020>	Program Year	2017
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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rate and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select }
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				- See attacl	nea				
				worksheet					

	erating Companies ection Form			FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
<010>	Study Area Code		442134	
<015>	Study Area Name	·	RIVIERA TEL CO INC	
<020>	Program Year		2017	
<030>	Contact Name - Person I	JSAC should contact regarding this data	Bill Colston, Jr.	
<035>	Contact Telephone Num	ber - Number of person identified in data line <030>	3612963232 ext.	
<039>	Contact Email Address -	Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rtc@rivnet.com	
<810>	Reporting Carrier	Riviera Telephone Company, Inc.		
<811>	Holding Company	Colston Enterprises, Inc.	·	
<812>	Operating Company	Riviera Telephone Company, Inc.	·	

813>	<a1></a1>	<a2></a2>	<a3></a3>
	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
	See att	ached worksh	et

(900) Tri	ibal Lands Reporting		FCC Form 481
Data Co	llection Form		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
			July 2013
		442134	
<010>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	RIVIERA TEL CO INC	
<015> <020>	Study Area Name	2017	
<030>		Bill Colston, Jr.	
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	3612963232 ext.	
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rtc@rivnet.com	_
	,	No	
<900>	Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)		
<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves		
<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation	Name of Attached I	Decument
		Name of Attached L	Jocument
to confi	company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes irm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, strates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to 3(a)(9) includes:	Select Yes or No or Not Applicable	
<921> <922> <923> <924> <925> <926> <927> <928> <928> <929>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions. Feasibility and sustainability planning; Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner; Compliance with Rights of way processes Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements Compliance with Facilities Siting rules Compliance with Environmental Review processes Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.		

	RED	DACTED FO	OR PUBLIC INSPECTION	rage 1.
(1000) V	oice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability			FCC Form 481
Data Col	lection Form			OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
				July 2013
<010>	Study Area Code		442134	
<015>	Study Area Name		RIVIERA TEL CO INC	
<020>	Program Year		2017	
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data		Bill Colston, Jr.	
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line		3612963232 ext.	
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line	e <030>	rtc@rivnet.com	
<1000>	Voice services rate comparability certification	Yes		
<1010>	Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance			
			Name of Attached Docu	ment
<1020>	Broadband comparability certification	Yes the	- Pricing is no more than Wireline Competition Bure	the most recent applicable benchmark announced by au
<1030>	Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance			
			Name of Attached Doc	ument

(1100) N	o Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting	FCC Form 481	
Data Col	lection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control July 2013	ol No. 3060-0819
<010>	Study Area Code	442134	
<015>	Study Area Name	RIVIERA TEL CO INC	
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	3612963232 ext.	
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rtc@rivnet.com	
<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	Yes	
<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54 313(g)	kbps	

(1200) Te	erms and Condition for Lifeline Customers		FCC Form 481
Lifeline			OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
Data Col	ection Form		July 2013
<010>	Study Area Code	442134	
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<020>	Program Year	2017	
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <03	3612963232 ext.	
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <0	30> rtc@rivnet.com	
		442134tx1210.pdf	
		442134CX1210.pdf	
<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans		
			Name of Attached Document
<1220>	Link to Public Website HTTF	•	
		-	
" 21			
	heck these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210,		
	ebsite listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to		
	(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must		
annually	report:		
<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice	-	
\1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	_	
	,		
412225	Policitic confined and the second of the second of	7	
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	⊒	
		<u></u>	
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.]	
	<u> </u>	-	

(2000) Price C Data Collection	ap Carrier Additional Documentation on Form			CC Form 481 MB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
Including Rate	e-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers		Ju	ly 2013
<010> C+	du Area Coda	442134		
	dy Area Code dy Area Name	RIVIERA TEL CO INC		
	gram Year	2017		
		Bill Colston, Jr.		
		3612963232 ext.		
<039> Con	stact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rtc@rivnet.com		
	appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note ct America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),			
Inc	remental Connect America Phase I reporting			
<2010>	2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note t	hat for the July 1		
	2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients o	-		
	Support	· morementar		
.2011	• •	la a & f a a & la a 1, , la a 4		
<2011>	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note to	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients o	f Incremental		
	Support			
<2022>	Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a	notice of		
	acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the			
	question are not receiving support under the Broadba			
	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
	Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities			
	projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at			
	Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients onl	у.		
<2023>	The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of t	he total amount of		
	capital funding expended in the previous year in meet	ing Connect	<u> </u>	
	America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied	_		
	blocks indicating where funding was spent. This cover	s year two -		
	54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.			
<2024A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?			
42024Ds	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding v	as sport in year	Name of Attached Document Listir	
<2024B>		as spent in year		ig
	two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.		Required Information	
<2025A>	Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support	?		
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone re	norts (Round 1 for	Name of Attached Document Listir	ng
~ZUZSB>				¹ 5
	year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect Ameri	ca rund , WC	Required Information	
	Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-			
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR §	54.313(c)(4)		
		(-) (-)		

Data Collection For	orrier Additional Documentation (Continued) om eturn Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
<2016>	Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)} Certification support used to build broadband t America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}	
<2017A>	Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?	
<2017B>	Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2018>	cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015. Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2019>	Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)	
<2020>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)	
<2021>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)	
<2026>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)	
<2027>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)	

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
	July 2013

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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan		
(3009)	Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)		
(3010A)	Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}	Yes - Attach Certifica	442134tx3010.pdf
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	No - No New Community Anchors	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No)	
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	
(3015)	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications		
(3016)	Borrowers) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:	(Yes/No)	
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	V	
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:	~	
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	442134tx3026.pdf

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(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)	FCC Form 481
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Financial Data Summary	
(3027) Revenue	
(3028) Operating Expenses	
(3029) Net Income	
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	
(3031) Total Assets	
(3032) Total Debt	
(3033) Total Equity	
(3034) Dividends	

(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations - FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

speed and data usage allowances available in the

relevant geographic area.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to	he Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support ecipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.		
Name of Reporting Carrier:		
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date	
Printed name of Authorized Officer:		
Title or position of Authorized Officer:		
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:		
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form			FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an	Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Re	porting Carrier	
certify that (Name of Agent) is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.			
Name of Authorized Agent: JSI			
Name of Reporting Carrier: RIVIERA TEL CO INC			
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date:	06/27/2016	
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Bill Colston Jr			
Title or position of Authorized Officer: President			
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 3612963232 ext.			
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 442134	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016		
, ,	d by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or itle 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	fine or imprisonment	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

	Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier
	igent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided ata reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.
Name	of Reporting Carrier: RIVIERA TEL CO INC
Name	e of Authorized Agent Firm: JSI
Signati	ture of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/27/2016
Name	of Authorized Agent Employee: Diane Longenecker
Title or	or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent Staff Director - Regulatory Affairs
Teleph	hone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: 5123380473 ext.535
Study A	Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 442134 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016
	Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Attachments

ATTACHMENT - LINE 112

Five-Year Network Improvement Plan and Progress Report

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Riviera Telephone Company, Inc.

Study Area Code: 442134

Response to Line 510 - Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules

Compliance - Voice and Broadband

In establishing this certification in its 2005 ETC Order, the FCC found that an ETC must

make "a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers." ² The FCC found that

for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA's Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy

this requirement and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-

case basis.³ In this context, the FCC stated, "to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is

subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet

our requirement."4

Riviera Telephone Company, Inc. ("Company") hereby certifies that its voice service

complies with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules under the Texas

Administrative Code, Title 16, Part II, as established by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff

which discloses rates, terms and conditions of service to customers pursuant to Subchapter J

requirements in Sections 26.201-26.230; (2) adherence to state consumer protection requirements

¹ Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) ("2005 ETC Order").

³ Id. The FCC noted that under the CTIA Consumer Code, wireless carriers agree to: "(1) disclose rates and terms of service to customers; (2) make available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) provide contract terms to customers and confirm changes in service; (4) allow a trial period for new service; (5) provide specific disclosures in advertising; (6) separately identify carrier charges from taxes on billing statements; (7) provide customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) provide ready access to customer service; (9) promptly respond to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) abide by policies for protection of consumer privacy." Id. at n. 71.

⁴ *Id.* at n. 72.

² *Id.* at para. 28.

governing telephone providers as identified in Subchapter B, in Sections 26.21-26.37; and (3) service quality standards requirements as identified in Subchapter C, Sections 26.51 -26.57. In addition, the Company complies with numerous federal consumer protection standards including, but not limited to: (1) Truth-in-Billing Rules outlined in 47 CFR § 64.2401; and (2) compliance with Federal CPNI rules, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

For its broadband service, Company hereby certifies that while there are no applicable state broadband service quality standards and consumer protection rules yet established under the Texas Administrative Code by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Company discloses rates, terms and conditions on its public web site and the Company complies with applicable federal and state customer protection standards generally applicable to all businesses operating in Texas. In addition, the Company adheres to consumer protection obligations for broadband services under federal law. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: public disclosure of accurate information regarding network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of broadband internet access services; as a means of providing sufficient information for consumers to make informed choices regarding use of such services, and for content, application, service and device providers to develop, market, and maintain internet offerings as specified in F.C.C. 47 C.F.R. Part 8 §8.3. The Company furthermore will comply with all requirements set forth in the 2015 Open Internet Order, as it applies to the Company.

Riviera Telephone Company, Inc.

Study Area Code: 442134

Response to Line 610 - Ability to Function in Emergency Situations

for Voice and Broadband

Riviera Telephone Company, Inc. ("Company") hereby certifies that it is able to function

in emergency situations as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47, Part 54, Subpart

C, §54.202(a)(2)¹ and the Texas Administrative Code. The Company's network is designed to

remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute

traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from

emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2). The Company can change call routing

translations as needed to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing

translations also allows the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as

emergency situations require.

Specifically, the Company is able to function under emergency operations in accordance

with Public Utility Commission of Texas Substantive Rules §26.51 Reliability of Operations of

Telecommunications Providers and §26.52 Emergency Operations which include obligations for

continuity of service and emergency operations planning and service provision capability for

dominant carriers. Any central office not equipped with permanently installed standby generators

contains as a minimum four hours of battery reserve without voltage falling below the level

required for proper operation of all equipment. In addition, all central offices without installed

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¹ Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to "demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations."

emergency power facilities have a mobile power unit available which can be delivered and connected on short notice.

The Company's standby generators and battery back-up equipment support both voice and broadband network equipment in the event of an emergency situation.

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data	FCC Form 481
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<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date 1/1/2016 <702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge 16.11

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State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fees
TX	All		FR	15.6	0.0	0.51	0.0	16.11

(710) Broadband Price Offerings	FCC Form 481
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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees		Broadband Service -Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select}
	TX	All	45.89	0.0	45.89	5.0	1.0	999999.0	Other, No usage allowance
	TX	All	49.95	0.0	49.95	7.0	1.0	999999.0	Other, No usage allowance
	TX	All	54.95	0.0	54.95	10.0	1.0	999999.0	Other, No usage allowance

(800) Op	erating Companies			FCC Form 481
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Riviera Telephone Company, Inc.

<812> Operating Company

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	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
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	Riviera Cellular & Telecommunications, Inc.		Gulf Coast Broadband
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Riviera Telephone Company, Inc.

Study Area Code: 442134

Rates, Terms and Conditions for Lifeline Service

(Response to Form 481, Line 1210)

Local exchange service rates and charges as specified below are for basic local exchange service, including Tone Dialing Service, and facilities only. The rates for other ancillary services not specifically shown below are presented in Riviera Telephone Company Inc.'s tariff(s) on file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Unless otherwise specified, the rates and charges quoted below are for a period of one month, payable in advance and provide unlimited flat rate calling within the local exchange calling scope.

Residential Local Exchange Access Line Rates:(1)(2)

Exchange Name	R-1 Rate
Loyola Beach	\$17.65
Riviera	\$17.65
Sarita	\$17.65
Armstrong	\$17.65

⁽¹⁾ Above listed fees do not include mandatory taxes, fees and surcharges, including, but not limited to Texas Universal Service Fund charges, 9-1-1 fees, and municipal franchise fees.

⁽²⁾ Qualified Lifeline customers are eligible for Lifeline credits or discounts as outlined in the attached Lifeline tariff.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

IV. LIFELINE PROGRAM

The Lifeline Program is a retail local service offering designed to make telephone service available at reduced rates to qualifying low-income customers.

A. General

- 1. A qualifying low-income customer subscribing to the Lifeline Program shall receive a maximum of \$9.25 in federal support and up to \$3.50 in state support as a reduction to their monthly tariffed residential local exchange access line rate in accordance with Chapter 47 CFR § 54.403 and Commission Substantive Rule 26.412.
- 2. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a customer who is otherwise eligible for the Lifeline Program from obtaining and using telecommunications equipment and services designed to aid such customer in utilizing qualifying telecommunications services.
- 3. Lifeline Program reductions only apply to basic service and do not apply to non-basic service or to surcharges, taxes, long distance service, 976 and other information related telecommunications services. Customers may subscribe to these services, including bundled service where available, however, the Lifeline discount only applies to the basic service charge of the bundled service.
- 4. The Lifeline Program rate reductions do not apply to service connection charges.

5. The Company shall waive monthly number portability charges, subject to the tariff, for Lifeline customers.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

IV. LIFELINE PROGRAM

A. General (Continued)

- 7. The Company may not disconnect the service of a Lifeline Program customer for the non-payment of toll charges. However, the Company reserves the right to implement toll blocking, at no charge, if the customer incurs a significant balance of unpaid toll bills. The Company will inform the customer, by direct mail, of this change to their service due to the customer's non-payment of toll charges. Upon the customer's payment of all outstanding toll charges, the Company shall remove mandatory toll blocking at the customers request.
- 8. Upon subscribing to the Lifeline Program, a customer will be offered a subscription, at no charge, to toll blocking service (in exchanges where technically available) which denies the customer access to the long distance telecommunications network; however, the customer is under no obligation to accept the subscription to toll blocking.
- 9. The Lifeline Program rate reductions will not be available on a retroactive basis except by direction of the Low Income Discount Administrator (LIDA) or the Commission.

B. Designated Lifeline Program Services

The company shall offer the voice telephony services or functionalities as identified for support in 47 CFR § 54.101, including voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge to end users; access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 9-11 and enhanced 911, to the extent local government in an eligible carrier's service area has implemented 9-1-1 or enhanced 9-1-1; and toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

IV. LIFELINE PROGRAM (Continued)

C. Eligibility Requirement

1. Qualifying Low-Income (Eligible) Customer Criteria

The Lifeline Program rate reductions will be provided per eligible customer. An eligible customer shall be defined as an individual whose annual household income is at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines, an individual who is an eligible resident of Tribal lands, or who participates in, or who has a person or child who resides in the customer household who participates in, at least one of the programs identified in Chapter 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations § 54.409 and in P.U.C. Substantive Rule 26.412 regarding consumer qualification for Lifeline.

2. Obligations of the Customer

a. Customers whose annual household income is at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines but do not receive benefits under the above programs may contact the LIDA to self-enroll in Lifeline Program benefits. Current customers receiving benefits under these programs will be subject to the Lifeline Program automatic enrollment procedures of the LIDA unless they provide a written request to the Company to be excluded from the Lifeline Program.

b. A customer who is eligible for the Lifeline Program but does not have telephone service shall be responsible for initiating a request for the Lifeline Program from the Company.

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RIVIERA TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. Local Exchange Tariff

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

IV. LIFELINE PROGRAM (Continued)

C. Eligibility Requirement

3. Obligations of the Company

a. The LIDA shall provide a list of eligible customers to the Company on a monthly basis. Upon receipt of the list, the Company shall begin reduced billing for those customers within 30 days unless a customer notifies the Company, in writing, that the customer does not wish to enroll in the Lifeline Program.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

IV. LIFELINE PROGRAM (Continued)

C. Eligibility Requirement

4. Discontinuance of Service

a. If a customer no longer qualifies for the Lifeline Program, the LIDA shall provide a direct mail notice advising the customer that the lifeline Program discount will be discontinued within 30 days unless the customer notifies the LIDA that an error has been made. If the customer notifies the LIDA of an error, the lifeline Program discount will continue for an additional 30 days to allow the customer adequate time to correct records. If the customer has not obtained an affirmation of eligibility by the end of the 60-day period, Lifeline program discounts may discontinue and the customer's service and billing with continue at applicable tariffed rates.

D. Deposit and Credit Requirements

1. The Company shall be prohibited from changing a service deposit in order to initiate the Lifeline Program if the eligible customer voluntarily elects to receive toll blocking.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

IV. LIFELINE PROGRAM (Continued)

D. Deposit and Credit Requirements (Continued)

- 2. The Company may charge a service deposit if:
- a. The eligible customer denies subscription to toll blocking upon subscribing to the Lifeline Program.
- b. The Company receives a Commission waiver from having to provide toll clocking due to technical limitations.
- 3. In instances where the Company may require a service deposit, the same credit verification procedures and deposit regulations used for all applicants who apply for service with the Company are also applicable to eligible customers for the Lifeline Program.

E. Service Connection Charges

- 1. Service connection charges do not apply to eligible customers with exiting, qualifying service converting to the Lifeline Program.
 - 2. Service connection charges do apply when:
- a. Existing eligible customers request additional non-qualifying services at the time Lifeline Program reduced billing is initiated.
- b. New customers (those without existing local exchange access service) eligible for the Lifeline Program establish service.
- c. Customers make subsequent moves or changes after the initial connection to the Lifeline Program.
- 3. In instances where service connection charges apply, customers qualifying for the Lifeline Program automatically qualify for the Link-Up America Program and may be eligible to receive a reduction in the applicable service connection charges as provided in Section 2 of this tariff.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

IV. LIFELINE PROGRAM (Continued)

F. Lifeline Program Rate Reduction

1. Implementation

The Company shall provide reduced billing to all Lifeline Program eligible customers within its service are in accordance with the Commission's Substantive Rule. A customer may notify the Company, in writing, that the customer does not wish to enroll in the Lifeline Program.

In instances where a customer inquires about participation in the Lifeline Program, the Company shall provide information made available by the LISA and direct inquires to the toll-free number provided by LIDA.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

IV. LIFELINE PROGRAM (Continued)

F. Lifeline Program Rate Reduction

1. Amounts

The Company shall apply Lifeline Program rate reductions, per eligible customer, as described below. The combined discounts shall not result in a rate of less than zero charged for the customer's basic local service.

Monthly
Rate Reduction
up to \$9.25

- a. Federal Lifeline support equal to Chapter 47 C.F.R. § 54.403.
- b. Maximum state reduction to up to \$3.50 Residential local Exchange Access Line Rate.
- c. Area discount. Consistent \$0.50 with P.U.C. Subst. R. 26.404, at such date the Company increases its residential access line rate(s), the Company shall give qualifying low-income consumers an area discount composed of up to 25% of any actual rate increase amount.

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Study Area Code: 442134

Response to Line 3010 – Milestone Certification (47 CFR §54.313(f)(1)(i))

Riviera Telephone Company Inc. hereby certifies that throughout 2015, it took reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time. If a request for broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is unreasonable, and offering broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is reasonable, Riviera Telephone Company Inc. offers broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream.

ATTACHMENT - LINE 3026 ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY